

Sri BAPURAO ANANDRAO.—May I know whether any preliminary steps have been taken for the nationalisation of these routes such as issue of notification and other formalities?

†Sri K. H. RANGANATH.—The scheme is under preparation and the investigation is also being done. When the proposals to nationalise these routes are made Bidar District will also be included in the Fifth Five-Year programme.

Sri BAPURAO ANANDRAO.—May I know whether notification to that effect has been issued? Under the Rules firstly it has to be notified and then slowly and gradually it has to be taken up.

Sri K. H. RANGANATH.—At the time of issuing notification all these things will be considered.

PAY SCALE OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF TOWN PANCHAYATS OF ERSTWHILE MADRAS STATE.

752. Sri M. VEERAPPA MOILY (Karkal).—

Will the Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the pay scales of former Executive Officers of erstwhile Madras State now designated as Secretaries of Town Panchayats, were revised with effect from 1st January 1970; if not, the reasons for not, revising their scales of pay;

(b) the revised scales of pay of former Executive Officers and the scales of pay of Head Clerks (1st Division Clerks) and that of the Sanitary Inspectors working in Town Panchayats with effect from 1st January 1970 who are Subordinate direct under the said Executive Officers;

(c) whether the scales of pay of the Taluk Sheristedar from 1st January 1961 was equivalent to that of the former Executive Officers on the said date;

(d) whether there is any proposal to confer similar benefit of pay scales from 1st January 1970?

Sri N. RACHAIAH (Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare).—

(a) (1) No.

(2) In the M.V.P. and L.B. Act, 1959, there is no provision for the posts of Executive Officers for Panchayats. The former Executive Officers of erstwhile Madras State have been absorbed as Grade I Panchayat Secretaries. In view of this, the former Executive Officers can not be treated as a separate entity.

As orders determining the scales of pay of Panchayat Secretaries including Grade I Panchayat Secretaries have already been issued *vide* G.O. No. DPC 92 VET 70, dated 22nd May 1972, the question of revising their scales of pay with effect from 1st January 1970, does not arise.

(b) *Former Executive Officers*

(i) Rs. 140-5-150-8-190-10-250.

(ii) *First Division Clerks*

Rs. 130-5-140-8-180-EB-10-260-15-290.

(iii) *Junior Sanitary Inspectors*

Rs. 100-5-150-6-180-EB-10-220

(c) Yes.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply (2) to clause (a) above.

Sri M. VEERAPPA MOILY.—Madam Speaker, it appears, after I put the question to the Department, the Department has taken some action with regard to the revision of pay scales of Executive Officers of Town Panchayats of erstwhile Madras State. So, I would like to know from the Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare whether it is true or not?

†Sri N. RACHIAH.—Madam Speaker, I am glad to inform the Hon. Member that the Government have already passed orders revising the pay scales of those officers on the basis of the recommendation of the Divisional Commissioner.

UNIFORM LEGISLATION FOR RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS

769. Sri PRABHAKAR TELKAR (Kalagi).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the religious institutions in the different parts of the State are governed by different Acts and Rules even after the formation of Karnataka State on account of re-organisation of States ;

(b) if so, whether the Government has made any attempt to bring in a uniform legislation to have a better administration of these institutions of all religious denominations, *e.g.*, Hindu, Muslim, Christian, etc., ?

Sri N. HUTCHAMASTHY GOWDA (Minister for Revenue).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The Muslim Wakf Properties throughout State are governed by the provisions of the Wakf Act, 1954 (Central Act 29